

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An ID assigning method, comprising:  
recording, in an apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus;  
recording, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;  
executing the ID setting instructions; and  
creating an ID distinctive to the apparatus, the ID usable to acquire the release key.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on a randomly acquired numeric value.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on data representing a date and time.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on data representing a present position.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID is created based on a parameter related to the apparatus.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a registered home location of the apparatus.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a number of registered locations stored in the apparatus.
8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a distance coefficient.

9. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a travel distance of a vehicle related to the apparatus.
10. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a travel time of a vehicle related to the apparatus.
11. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the parameter related to the apparatus is a location of a found facility.
12. (Original) An ID assigning method, comprising:
  - recording, in an apparatus, ID setting instructions for creating an ID distinctive to the apparatus;
  - determining a date and time;
  - determining a present position;
  - executing the ID setting instructions; and
  - creating the ID based on data representing the date and time, and data representing the present position.
13. (Original) An ID assigning apparatus, comprising a controller, the controller configured to:
  - record, in the apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus;
  - record, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;
  - execute the ID setting instructions; and
  - create an ID distinctive to the apparatus, the ID usable to acquire the release key.
14. (Original) A navigation apparatus comprising the ID assigning apparatus of claim 13.

15. (Original) A storage medium storing a set of program instructions executable on a data processing device and usable for assigning an ID to an apparatus, the set of program instructions comprising:

instructions for recording, in the apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus;

instructions for recording, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;

instructions for executing the ID setting instructions; and

instructions for creating an ID distinctive to the apparatus, the ID usable to acquire the release key.

16. (New) An ID assigning apparatus, comprising

means for recording, in an apparatus, content which is made usable by recording a release key in the apparatus;

means for recording, in the apparatus, ID setting instructions;

means for executing the ID setting instructions; and

means for creating an ID distinctive to the apparatus, the ID usable to acquire the release key.